

In the Claims:

Claims 1-24 (cancelled)

25. (new) A bill acceptor having a validator for determining authenticity of a bill inserted into the bill acceptor through an opening, said bill acceptor including a bezel assembly surrounding the opening, said bezel assembly comprising:

a runway surface positioned in front of said opening, said runway surface including a plurality of visual display indicators wherein said display indicators include at least a \$1 indicator, a \$5 indicator, a \$10 indicator and a \$20 indicator for visually displaying denominations of bills that will be accepted by the bill acceptor.

26. (new) The bill acceptor of claim 25 wherein one of said display indicators is illuminated to indicate the denomination of each bill authenticated by the validator.

27. (new) The bill acceptor of Claim 25, wherein said display indicators include a reject indicator for visually displaying when an unacceptable bill has been inserted and rejected by said validator.

28. (new) The bill acceptor of Claim 25, wherein said bezel assembly further includes a display surface depending downward from a leading edge of said runway surface, said display surface including at least one display indicator.

29. (new) The bill acceptor of Claim 25, wherein said at least one display indicator includes at least one of a system lock indicator, a counterfeit bill indicator, a transport jam indicator a service indicator a diagnostic indicator, a coin indicator, a machine service indicator and a note box full indicator.

30. (new) The bill acceptor of Claim 25, wherein said plurality of visual display indicators are selected from the group consisting of incandescent lamps, light emitting diodes, electroluminescent emitters, liquid crystals, numeric alphanumeric and graphic displays, and mechanical semaphores.

31. (new) A bezel for a bill acceptor, said bezel defining an opening for allowing a bill to be inserted into the bill acceptor, said bezel comprising:

a display surface having a plurality of visual display indicators depicting denominations of bills; and

a processor to monitor the status and activity of said bill acceptor, said processor being connected to and controlling said display indicators of said bezel.

32. (new) The bezel of Claim 31, wherein said display indicators include at least a \$1 indicator, a \$5 indicator, a \$10 indicator and a \$20 indicator for visually displaying denominations of bills that will be accepted by the bill acceptor.

33. (new) The bezel of Claim 31, wherein said bezel further comprises a runway surface positioned in front of said opening to guide the insertion of bills into the bill acceptor and a display surface depending downward from a leading edge of said runway surface.

34. (new) The bezel of Claim 31, wherein said plurality of visual display indicators are selected from the group consisting of incandescent lamps, light emitting diodes, electroluminescent emitters, liquid crystals, numeric alphanumeric and graphic displays, and mechanical semaphores.